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SOMALI INTENTION TO WITHDRAW FROM THE OGADEN

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1. THE WESTERN AMBASSADORS WERE CALLED TO THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN  
AFFAIRS AT 1400Z THIS AFTERNOON, MARCH 9, WHERE THE FOLLOWING  
STATEMENT WAS READ BY DIRECTOR GENERAL MOHAMED SHARIF: BEGIN TEXT.  
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE SOMALI DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC (GSDR) WOULD LIKE  
TO COMMUNICATE TO YOU THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN THE HORN OF AFRICA.  
THERE HAS BEEN FIERCE FIGHTING BETWEEN THE WESTERN SOMALI LIBERATION  
FRONTS ON THE ONE HAND AND THE ETHIOPIANS AND THE UNHOLY ALLIANCE

OF THE SOVIET UNION AND ITS FOREIGN ALLIES ON THE OTHER. THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY HAS BEEN FOLLOWING WITH GROWING DISMAY THE MASSIVE DEPLOYMENT OF DESTRUCTIVE AND SOPHISTICATED WEAPONS. FRIENDLY

COUNTRIES HAVE PROPOSED ON MANY OCCASIONS THE WITHDRAWAL OF OUR (GSDR) UNITS IN ORDER TO CREATE AN ATMOSPHERE CONDUCTIVE TO A NEGOTIATED

SETTLEMENT. THE GSDR HAS DECIDED TO AFFECT SUCH A WITHDRAWAL. FRIENDLY COUNTRIES ARE REQUESTED TO EXERT ALL DIPLOMATIC INFLUENCE IN ORDER TO REALIZE THE FOLLOWING:

- (1) WITHDRAWAL OF ALL FOREIGN TROOPS,
- (2) A CEASE FIRE.
- (3) NEGOTIATIONS FOR A SETTLEMENT ON THE BASIS OF SELF DETERMINATION.
  
- (4) PLACEMENT OF OBSERVERS TO ENSURE THE AVOIDANCE OF GENOCIDE OR REPRISALS AGAINST THE SOMALI PEOPLE LIVING IN THE AREA.

THE GSDR HOPES THAT ALL FRIENDLY COUNTRIES WILL EXERT THE NECESSARY INFLUENCE TOWARD FINDING A JUST NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT OF THE PROBLEM. END OF TEXT.

2. QUESTIONED ON THE TIMING OF THE WITHDRAWAL, SHARIF SAID THE ORDERS HAVE BEEN ISSUED AND IT IS NOW TAKING PLACE. HE ADDED THAT SOMALI TROOPS WERE NOT NOW ENGAGING IN COMBAT. THE DIRECTOR GENERAL SAID THE ANNOUNCEMENT HAD NOT BEEN MADE PUBLIC, BUT WAS BEING COMMUNICATED FIRST TO THE AMERICAN, BRITISH, FRENCH, ITALIAN AND CONFIDENTIAL

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WEST GERMAN AMBASSADORS SINCE THEIR COUNTRIES HAD URGED WITHDRAWAL OF SOMALI FORCES.. HE SAID OTHER CHIEFS OF FRIENDLY MISSIONS WOULD BE INFORMED IMMEDIATELY, BUT HE COULD NOT SAY WHEN A PUBLIC STATEMENT WOULD BE MADE. IN THE INTERIM, HE REQUESTED THE INFORMATION BE TREATED AS CONFIDENTIAL.

3. COMMENT: WE CANNOT BELIEVE THE GSDR WILL DELAY THE PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT MUCH LONGER. WITH ALL FRIENDLY MISSION CHIEFS INFORMED, THE WORD IS BOUND TO LEAK WITHIN HOURS IF IT HAS NOT DONE SO ALREADY.  
LOUGHRAN

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